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Amendment to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph at the end of page 3, after line 28:

FIG. 4 is a side-view of an alternative testing apparatus having a breakable glass tube, according to the invention.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

container tube 14 (i.e. the plugging material and the chemical substance 23) are encapsulated in a breakable glass tube 21 as shown in FIG. 4 (wherein like reference numerals are used to indicate like elements). Such use of multiple materials allows one layer to provide certain advantageous properties (e.g., low permeability, inertness, non-reactive with the chemical, non-corrosive, good sealing properties, etc.) while the other layer provides other advantageous properties (e.g., high strength, tear resistance, durability).